

June 4, 2003

Via Hand Delivery

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Request for Comments on Joint Report on Proposed Uniform Standards for
Interconnecting Distributed Generation in Massachusetts and Interconnection
Tariff
D.T.E. 02-38

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

KeySpan Energy Delivery New England (“KeySpan”)¹ as a participant in the Massachusetts Distributed Generation Interconnection Collaborative submits these brief comments on the Joint Report and Tariff filed with the Department. As a result of the efforts of the members of the collaborative, the facilitators and consultants and funding from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a consensus report and a model tariff were filed with the Department. The report and tariff reflect agreed upon interconnection standards and procedures that will reduce costs and streamline the process of interconnection for Distributed Generation in Massachusetts. The Department’s adoption of the consensus report and model tariff will result in fewer barriers and disincentives to interconnect with distributed generation facilities. It is important that the Department act expeditiously in this regard so that installation of distributed generation facilities in Massachusetts becomes a sound economic choice in achieving energy efficiency.

With respect to the next steps for collaborative members, the consensus report provides for quarterly meetings to review, monitor and assess progress toward safe, cost-effective Distributed Generation interconnection in Massachusetts. KeySpan believes these next steps to be an integral part of achieving fair and efficient Distributed Generation interconnection standards and looks forward to continued involvement with Distributed Generation through participation in these meetings.

¹ The Massachusetts local distribution companies that do business as KeySpan Energy Delivery New England are Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company and Essex Gas Company.

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KeySpan thanks the Department for its continued support to set in place interconnection standards for Distributed Generation in Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Crowe

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer